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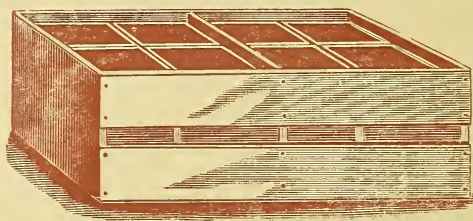
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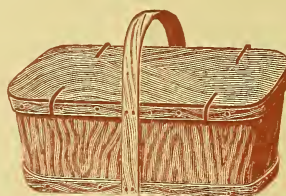


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Fruit Plant Catalogue



GAIN we send you our annual fruit plant catalogue, (our only agent,) with an honest description of our plants. Our trade continues to increase, for which we wish to thank our customers in all sections of the country. And for the orders received year after year from our old customers we feel especially grateful. Our aim shall be to merit a continuance of your good will. The outlook for the fruit grower is brighter than for years. The past season has been one of prosperity for the people of the United States generally. Labor has been employed to a greater extent and at better wages than for years past. The price of fruit has also been better than for some years. The extremely cold weather of February, 1899,

killed and injured a large amount of trees and plants in different sections of the country. Consequently the shortage in acreage will be conducive of better prices for fruit for some years at least. Our fall sales of plants have been greater than any fall (except three years ago when we filled an order of 500,000 in November.) Reports received from nearly all sections of the United States state that on account of the extreme drouth the fruit plant crop is very short. Some growers that have had millions of plants some years report "no strawberry plants to speak of." Good plants will therefore be scarce. While we have not as many millions as some years, we have a large stock of extra fine plants. Some of our unsolicited Testimonials in back of this catalogue will show how our stock is liked. As stated heretofore we have no hobby to ride or pet theory to advance to induce people to buy our stock at a fancy price. We simply grow as fine stock as can be grown that will produce as fine fruit as can be produced by any one. And our customers everywhere will bear us out in it. Our land is especially adapted to produce fine plants, being for the most part a rich, sandy loam. We clear new land every year especially for plants. We have our own moss swamp, (of which we use many tons every year for packing,) cut from our own land our logs for boxing, etc. Twelve years ago we sold our first plants. Eleven years ago issued first price list (three or four hundred.) By fair dealing and strict attention to business, our trade has steadily increased until in 1900 our catalogue will be read by between one and two hundred thousand people.

Our Location is in the great fruit belt of southwestern Michigan, one and one-half miles from Lake Michigan, nearly opposite Chicago, the great strawberry county of the state.

Our Stock is First-Class. Do not confound it with the puny, weak kind so generally sent out by many nurseries in Delaware, Maryland and New

Jersey. Please note some of the unsolicited testimonials, a few of which we publish in back of catalogue. Our prices are low but stock is first-class.

Our Trade extends from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from British America to the Gulf of Mexico, and is increasing heavily each year, and we have better facilities to meet it this year than last.

Our Prices are a little higher on most of the common varieties, than last year, on account of the short plant crop. But they are still only about one-half as high as most of the nurseries in the country.

Varieties. Our strawberry list comprises over fifty of the best varieties. We ship large quantities every year to nurseries to supply their trade.

Boxing and Packing. We manufacture many of our own boxes, making hundreds of them in winter when times are dull. We use light, strong boxes for express and heavier ones for freight. We also use hundreds of handled baskets for small bills. Having our own moss we are well equipped and make no charge for box and packing, which is done in the best manner under our own supervision or of some member of our family.

Methods of Shipment. BY MAIL.—The reduction in postage on plants enables



us to send small amounts to distant sections at small cost and thus place in customer's hands a few of a kind cheaper than they could procure them of their nearest nursery. **BY EXPRESS.**—This is the method most commonly adopted for sending large bills to distant parts of the country, as there is no delay as sometimes occurs by freight. Plants go for 20 per cent less by express than other goods. Some nurserymen will tell you that they have secured a cut rate; this is not the case, all receive the same rate. **BY FREIGHT.**—We ship large amounts of stock long distances by fast freight. Nearly all of the plants bought of us by nurseries and dealers all over the United States to sell again are ordered sent by freight. All such should be ordered early. Many ask, "How far can you ship by freight?" We have shipped safely as far west as the Pacific and east to the Atlantic. We send large bills by freight every year into all parts of the United States and Canada, and most go through safely but of course delays sometimes occur and stock is injured. As the buyer is the one benefited by freight rates he must take the risk. It is immaterial to us which way we ship. We are on the Chicago & West Michigan Railroad, only thirteen miles from the great trunk lines like the Michigan Central, Vandalia and Big Four, making connections to all sections of the country. On account of the great increase in railroad business through the country last year, more complaints were received of shipments being delayed by freight than in any year heretofore.

Order Early. By all means—the earlier the better. If anything more is needed it can be added later; besides we give liberal discounts on early orders. If not prepared to send all of the money, send a part, when the order will be booked; the balance before shipment. Again we say do not put off ordering until late and then send in an order saying, "My ground is all ready—ship stock at once," etc. Doubtless there will be hundreds of orders ahead of yours that must be attended to.



Our Terms are Cash. No order booked unless accompanied by a remittance as a guarantee of good faith; the balance before shipment. At our prices we cannot afford to do a credit business. We give references as to our reliability, etc., which all are at liberty to investigate. Our prices are low for cash. We have been "done up" by many that doubtless have a pretty fair standing in their community, but who seem



to be totally depraved, when once they get the start of a man. We might mention two or three as samples. In the spring of '98 (in April) we shipped over \$100.00 worth of plants to a fellow in Holton, Kan., by the name of F. W. Dixon. At the close he owed us about \$30 and plead the poverty act. He still owes us over \$20 and does not answer our letters any more. Another nurseryman who sent us a worthless sight draft and who cannot be induced to make it right is Geo. Hanaford of Makanda, Ill. We might mention Chas. Sumner of Sterling, Ill., who is using money collected for plants we shipped to his customers three years ago. We will ship by Express C. O. D. when one fourth of the amount is sent with the order. We do not ship by freight C. O. D.

Liability. While we take the greatest pains to have our stock pure and unmixed and true to name, mistakes will sometimes occur, and if found to be our fault, we will either replace stock not found to be true or refund the money. We commence to ship the last of March or first of April, according to season. We issue no fall catalogue but send out some stock after October 1st.

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All inquiries cheerfully answered, but please make them short and to the point.

If more than one catalogue should be received, please hand to some neighbor and oblige. Also, if you have neighbors (fruit growers) that you think would like our catalogue if you will send a few names on postal we will mail them one, and will send you a few plants for your trouble. Many customers request us to send a catalogue to their friends. Thus many will receive a copy that have not written for one, their friends interesting themselves in their behalf.



Please Note Our Premium Offers.

For orders of \$1.00 at catalogue price (if this offer is mentioned) by special arrangement we will give a six months subscription to The Agricultural Epitomist, of Indianapolis, Ind., one of the best farm and home papers published (monthly).



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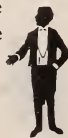
For an order of \$10.00 and over, received early, (before March 1st) customers will be allowed to select stock to the amount of \$1.00 free, if this offer is mentioned.

Strawberries



THE Strawberry is our specialty. We have a large stock of all the standard and best new varieties, which we have listed very low and shall sell at prices quoted as long as stock lasts. We do not mark up our prices. Almost all the newer varieties we obtained from the originators and introducers in the first place at a heavy expense, consequently our stock is pure. Many ask how we can sell such choice stock so low. Being situated in a section especially adapted to growing the finest plants and not being hampered with anything in the tree line; growing many of the standards by the hundred thousand on new, rich land that produces a heavy stock of extra fine plants, having our own moss swamps for packing, of which we use many tons each year, and being satisfied with a small profit, we can furnish choice stock very low. Many new beginners ask what varieties are most profitable to grow for market, etc. Of course much depends on location and circumstances. The general favorites are the following: Bubach, Warfield, Haverland, Lovett, Parker Earle, Crescent, Greenville, and Beder Wood. Newer varieties which are exceptionally good are Aroma, Clyde, Glen Mary and Excelsior. We have a fine stock of all the above and a new beginner cannot go far out of the way in getting these varieties. When early spring frosts are liable to kill blossoms, growers should remember that the pistillates are much more hardy than the staminate, Crescents and Haverland standing at the head with us.

Soil for Strawberries. Almost any soil that will grow good field crops will grow good strawberries—good, rich, well drained, sandy loam preferred. For general field culture plant rows from three and one-half to four feet apart—plants from 1½ to 2 feet apart in the row, according to the habit of the plant. Plant every fourth row to some staminate variety. Let them make a matted row. Newly cleared land is good for strawberries. We make a practice of clearing up several acres of new land and setting to strawberries every year, and while the labor of attending is more than on old, run out land, the plants produced are the best and most healthy grown. Growing plants in such large quantities we can, of course, make a discount on large bills. Thus nurseries in all sections of the country buy of us to sell again—many times selling through agents as high by the hundred as we charge by the thousand. Our low prices hold good while stock lasts. We have some varieties not listed here; if you want something not on the list, write us. We use but few cuts of strawberries in our catalogue. In looking through the profusely illustrated catalogues sent out we often see the same cut doing duty for several varieties of berries, but if you want fine plants you can get them of us. The other fellow has fine pictures.



Varieties of Strawberries

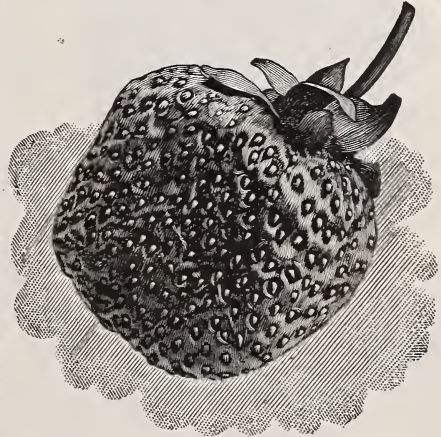
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Aroma. (S) Plant shows no weakness of any kind. Fruit very large, roundish, conical, rarely misshapen, glossy red, of excellent quality and produced in abundance. One of the most profitable late varieties that we grow. It produces twice as much as Gandy and fine berries. Price \$3.00 per thousand.

Arrow. (P) This is a very rank grower of healthy plants. The fruit is medium sized, well colored and firm. The fruit ripens with Haverland and resembles it closely in form, but is much brighter in color, firmer in texture and higher flavor. \$3.00 per thousand.

Annie Laurie. (S) From Ohio, where it has been favorably received. The fruit is large, almost round, of a bright crimson, firm, good quality. Season medium. This variety pleases us very much. \$3.00 per thousand.

Bisel. (P) From Southern Illinois, where it has a great reputation as a profitable market berry. Plant shows no weakness of any kind but is well able to carry its great load of fruit to maturity. Berries are large, regular conical form, bright red, quite firm, with seeds but slightly imbedded, flesh is light red and of good flavor. Ripens with the Crescent but continues longer in bearing. \$2.50 per thousand.



Bisel

Brandywine. (S) This fine late strawberry was introduced by M. Crawford. I bought a good stock of the plants of the introducer and now have a large stock of fine plants. Brandywine is late, good shape, good quality, good size, firm and productive. We have a good stock of extra fine plants at \$2.50 per thousand.

Beder Wood. (S) This variety was originated by Beder Wood, of Illinois. We have fruited it many years and found it to be a very heavy bearer, of good sized roundish fruit (about as firm as Bubach), season early, a good staminate to fertilize early varieties like Crescent, Warfield, etc. M. Crawford says in his strawberry report: "This berry, all things considered, is the best berry that has ever been fruited with me. The plant is a good, healthy grower and sends out a number of large runners. The call is heavy for this variety. Price is \$2.00 per thousand.

Bismarck. "This is a self-fertilizing strawberry, possessing all the desirable peculiarities of Bubach No. 5. To those who are familiar with the Bubach perhaps nothing more need be said since Bubach has been a favorite berry, and more plants have been planted of that variety since its introduction than of any other. We got our stock of the originator. It is a marvel of productiveness. The foliage is a dark green very much like Bubach but has a perfect blossom. None will be sorry who set it. Price \$2.50 per thousand.

Bubach. (P) This is a great favorite all over the country. Was first choice with thirty fruit growers from all sections of the United States. The plant is very large and fine looking but a slow plant maker, the berry large and showy. \$2.75 per thousand.

Barton's Eclipse. (P) A seedling of Longfellow. I have fruited this several years and am very much pleased with it; is very profitable and a heavy bearer. The fruit is of good size and nearly always of good form. Will endure a good deal of handling, having a firm skin and slight neck; good color and a good runner. One of our most profitable berries. Those that like Haverland would like this variety better. \$2.50 per thousand.

Brunette. (S) Remarkable for its fine quality. It is exceedingly popular. The berries are from medium to large, round and almost perfect in form, very uniform, dark, reddish crimson, firm, and of exceedingly rich, sweet, luscious quality. It is also very handsome and attractive, commanding the highest price in the market. The plant is a strong grower and entirely free from rust. It is large, firm and productive, of best quality; recommend it to those who want best table berry. Price \$2.75 per thousand.

Clyde. (S) This new berry originated with Dr. J. Stayman several years ago. It is seedling of the Cyclone, and the Cyclone is a cross between the Crescent and the Cumberland. The Clyde has Crescent blood in it and no doubt gets its



Clyde

immense productiveness from that variety. Nearly as large as the Bubach, nearly or quite a week earlier and very much firmer. It is a strong staminate and therefore is suitable for pollenizing medium and medium early pistillate varieties. The plant is very vigorous and healthy, there being no trace of disease about it. The foliage is light green in color and somewhat resembles the Haverland, but is a more upright and sturdy grower. Season of ripening, second early. It is a dark scarlet in color and very productive. Its strong plants, with an abundance of long roots, enables it to withstand drouth better than most sorts. There is no more popular berry before the people than this at present.

Hale says of Clyde: "It heaped its huge berries one upon the other in greatest profusion everywhere—great big, rollicking symmetrical lot of berries I have ever seen, with not one single or imperfect berry from beginning to end of season. Clear, light scarlet color; beauties in every way. Moderately firm and of fine quality. No very small berries, many very large ones, every one a perfect specimen in form; not a single misshapen berry in the whole crop. It is a perfect bloomer, has light green foliage. No rust or blight has yet been seen on Clyde, and its deep-rooting habit fits it to stand drouth. It appears to thrive on almost any soil, and is valuable for family or any market."

The Strawberry Culturist says: "The Clyde is fast becoming the most popular medium early berry, owing to its large size, immense productiveness and good shipping qualities." Price \$2.75 per thousand.

Carrie. (P) W. J. Green, of Ohio Experiment Station, speaks as follows: "Of the new varieties of strawberries about to be introduced, none pleases me better than Carrie. It resembles the Haverland, but is an improvement upon that variety in size, color and firmness, and it seems equal to it in productiveness." We fruited the Carrie at Maplewood this year. It is just about like Haverland in fruit, except that the fruit is very firm. The plants are very deep rooters and enormously productive. We think this berry will ship long distances by express safely. It ripens very late and lasts a long time. Dozen, 25c; hundred, \$1.

Cobden Queen. (P) Was introduced three years ago. I bought a stock of plants of the introducers. Medium early. Our plants are very fine. We have a large stock and put the price very low. \$2.50 per thousand.

Columbian. (S) It is a bright scarlet color so much admired in a market berry, and is quite firm and large for an early berry. Most early berries are shy bearers and small in size, but the Columbian reverses this. Strong grower, has a perfect blossom, free from rust and sends its roots deep in the ground, thereby standing long drouths without dying out in spots. It has fruited satisfactorily with us. \$2.25 per thousand.

Cumberland. (S) Old and reliable. Large, fine form and flavor. \$2.50 per thousand.

Crescent. (Improved) (P) The standard of productiveness all over the country; succeeds everywhere; stands neglect best of any, plant small, berries fair size, bright and attractive, not very firm. Many growers still consider this the most profitable berry for market. A few years ago a new berry was introduced into this section which proved to be an improved Crescent. We sell a great amount of this variety every year. We have a large stock of extra fine plants and quote them at \$1.75 per thousand.

Dew. (S) Originated near Lansing, Mich. Fruited with us several years. A wonderful berry, large, early. The plant is strong with large foliage of a very dark green. Fruit large and firm; of a dark glossy red, perfect in shape should be planted by all that can grow berries and want the largest that can be grown. \$3.00 per thousand.

Eureka. (P) This is a very beautiful, large, crimson berry; strong, healthy foliage, ripens late. This is one of the best late market berries. Yields large crops, flesh firm, a good shipper, plants are good runners. \$2.75 per thousand.

Enhance. (S) The berries are large like Sharpless but firmer. The plants are strong, healthy growers; season late. Well spoken of by growers all over the country. Should have good soil. \$2.50 per thousand.

Enormous. (P) This is a new berry from Illinois and though it is yet but little known it is bound to become one of the standard berries of this country. The Rural New Yorker speaks of it as follows: "This is well named. It seems among the earliest. Shape very variably, between scarlet and crimson in color, firm and good quality. A promising early variety." \$3.00 per thousand.

Excelsior. (S) New. Introduced in 1898 at \$80.00 per thousand, by Mr. Bauer, the introducer of the Bismark, Van Deman, etc. The originator says: "It is the only extra early berry now in the swim, and we have tried everything in that line." I have a good stock of plants from those bought of the originator last year. I list them very low. The plant is a healthy and thrifty grower, not very large, but a heavy bearer of fine, large berries. As there is a great demand for extra early berries, and the price is so low, we look for a heavy call. \$3.25 per thousand.

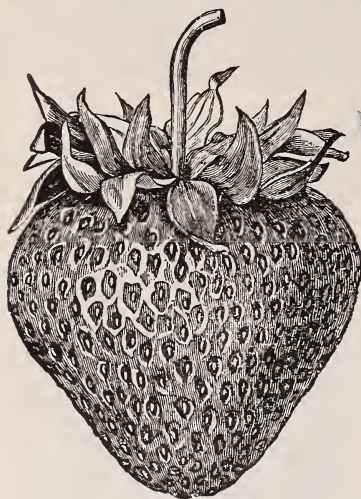
Earliest. (S) This is an extra early berry of the Michels class. It is one of the most healthy, vigorous growers, covering the surface with plants if unrestricted. The berries are medium in size and produced in abundance. It is very fine quality and this quality is never affected by changes in the weather, it is always sweet and nice. Does well in the same bed from year to year. Not a fancy berry but a real good one for those who appreciate fine flavor. We have a fine stock. Dozen 25c; 100, 50; 1000, \$3.00.

Greenville. (P) The Greenville strawberry is an accidental seedling found on the fruit farm of E. M. Buechly, Ohio. Berries of good size, good quality, medium texture, very productive, season medium, color very even and fine, flower pistillate, plants very vigorous and free from rust, much resembles Buebach but a better plant maker, making more solid fruiting row. Is now one of the standards. This variety was introduced in '93. \$2.25 per thousand.

Gertrude. (S) Early, large for its season and productive. We like this plant very much, also its very early season. Originator says of it; "Among the earliest known varieties to ripen; comes with Beder Wood, Michael and other extra early sorts; larger than any other early variety. It is of a pleasing bright scarlet color, very attractive, the color being even, with no white tips. Its flesh is firm and of good quality. The plant is a treat to look at, having no sign of rust or other defect about it, and is exceedingly productive.

Gandy Belle, (or No Name.) (S) Is a large berry, perfect bloom and very productive. Berries dark red when ripe. The plant is a very strong grower; always makes a heavy bed of plants. Time of ripening, early.

Gandy. (S) This is one of the leading late varieties with fruit growers all over the country. The plant is a strong grower, fruit is large and firm but does not yield as heavy as some; requires strong soil and fertilizers to do its best, but being very late is very profitable on that account, \$2.00 per thousand.



Glen Mary

Glen Mary. (S) The Glen Mary is a chance seedling which originated with Mr. Jas. A. Ingram, of Chester County, Pa. (Mr. Jas. A. Ingram is an uncle of Mr. Edward T. Ingram, the well known originator of the famous Brandywine strawberry.) Large and choice, very handsome and of fine flavor; vigorous and productive. It is as large as the Sharpless and of superior quality. In productiveness it far surpasses the Crescent, not in number of berries but quarts of berries. The Glen Mary began to ripen at its home in Chester County, Pa., on May 28th, and the claim seems warranted that it is capable of producing big berries all through the fruiting season. Mr. Ingram tells of one particular quart of berries especially selected for photography which contained only twelve giant specimens of the Glen Mary strawberry. Price \$3.00 per thousand.

Hall's Favorite. (S) New. Is beyond doubt the finest strawberry ever grown. It defies any and all competition. It comes the nearest to perfection of any berry I ever saw, is what one grower said when he saw Hall's Favorite Berry large and perfect in form. Color, a rich crimson. Flesh firm. \$3.75 per thousand.

Haverland. (P) Exceedingly productive; fruit large and very fine but rather soft for a distant market; one of the most popular of the new, well-tested varieties; withstands the drought better than most kinds; color light, season early. We have a heavy demand for Haverland every year. \$2.50 per thousand.

Jessie. (S) This berry does not seem to be adapted to all kinds of soil, is after the Sharpless type, being a seedling of that berry. It is a splendid fertilizer, good quality and good color, does extra well in some sections, but with me it is not a heavy cropper and tender like the Sharpless. \$2.50 per thousand.

Lovett. (S) No person need hesitate to plant this variety for either home use or market, as it succeeds generally in any soil or locality. It is one of the tough hardy varieties that never disappoints the grower. It has a perfect blossom and bears heavily. The fruit is firm, medium to large size, conical, firm, and of good color and quality. Season medium. We sell large quantities every year for fertilizers for Warfield, Crescent, etc. \$1.75 per thousand.

Lady Thompson. (S) A perfect-flowering plant of great vigor, somewhat of Crescent type, thriving well even on quite light soil. Berries roundish conical, bright scarlet, medium to large, firm, of good quality. Ripens fruit very early, and is one of the most productive varieties known.

Michel's Early. (S) One of the earliest varieties grown, in fact the earliest we have found. The plant is a very robust grower, strong and healthy, although plant is rather small; one of the best of the early fertilizers, as it blossoms early and late. Fruit is of medium size and good quality. Some growers that grow very early berries make much money on this variety alone. Is extra good for light sandy soil. November 1896, we shipped 500,000 strawberry plants to the President of the Mississippi State Horticultural Society; 140,000 were Michel's Early, which are a great favorite in the South. Having a very large stock we have put the price down to \$1.50 per thousand.

Mary. (P) Plant very large and strong; berry one of the largest grown, beautiful in appearance, very productive and quite firm; season medium to late, retaining its large size to end of season. Owing to firmness, size and color we deem it a very valuable market variety. \$3.00 per thousand.

Marshall. (S) M. Crawford said: "I was very anxious to see the fruit of this variety after hearing so much in its favor and paying \$10. for a dozen plants. It was the first very large variety to ripen, and I think every berry came to maturity. It is of great size and very beautiful. With a quart containing 19 perfect specimens I captured the prize for the 'best quart' at the great Millersburg show. It is scarcely ever misshapen, and the color is a rich, glossy red that every one must admire. Quality is far above the average, plant is faultless. I could not suggest a single improvement in it. Blossom is perfect and each one is followed by a berry. As to its productiveness, it will not yield as large a number of berries as some varieties but when measured in quarts or bushels it will, in my opinion, be rather above than below the average." Michigan Experiment Station for 1897 says: Another season's trial confirmed the good opinion we have formerly expressed. Large, uniform size, good quality, etc. My first stock cost me \$16.50 for 100 plants. The demand every year has been greater than the supply. \$3 per thousand.

Manwell (S) New. The berry is bright, glossy crimson, with seeds slightly sunken. The hull is very small and sticks fast to the fruit when picked. The Manwell is supposed to be a cross from Sharpless and Crescent, and the fruit resembles the Sharpless in shape and the Crescent in firmness and quality. The plant is very vigorous, with roots like those of Beder Wood, indicating that it will endure much drouth. It is not less prolific than Wood in the number of plants produced. "It is a heavy cropper, ripening soon after Warfield and Wood commence. It has a large and perfect blossom, with prominent stamens. \$3.00 per thousand.

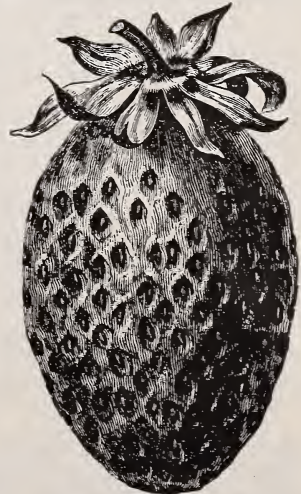
Margaret. (S) New. This variety was originated several years ago by John F. Beaver of Dayton, Ohio, from seed of the Crawford and introduced by M. Crawford. It has made a remarkable record and is now offered with great confidence. The plant is large and healthy, and so vigorous in growth that it will mature its last berries and continue green and luxuriant while an abundance of strong runners are produced. The foliage is dark green. The blossom is perfect and one of the strongest ever seen. It commences to ripen soon after the early varieties and bears until nearly all others are gone. With a good chance its berries are all of large size. The fruit is usually conical, sometimes rather long but never coxcombed or misshapen, often necked. The color is dark, glossy red, and the berries are not inclined to have white tips. The large, green calyx adds to its beauty. For healthy, vigorous growth, productiveness, size, beauty and quality, the Margaret is a remarkable variety.

(The above is the introducer's description, of whom we secured our stock. \$4.75 per thousand.

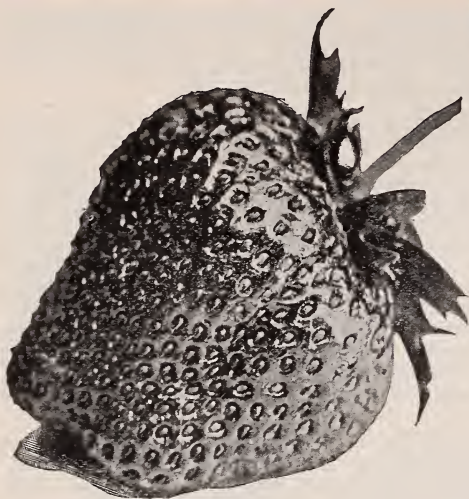
McKinley. (S) New. We were much pleased with this new variety. \$3.50 per thousand.

Michigan. (S) Large, deep crimson, firm rich flavor, productive; the best late; very profitable. 60c per hundred.

Parker Earle. (S) This berry still takes the lead for productiveness. Plant very robust, strong and healthy; endures the extremes of heat and cold; roots very long, berries regular, conical, medium size, glossy crimson with short neck; flesh firm, seeds prominent, good shipper, season late. While recommended for light soil we have always grown it on rich, moist ground with the best results. It is not a great runner. The Michigan Experimental Station has for years placed it at the head of the list. We have always had heavy crops of this variety. We put price very low for this variety, viz: \$3.00 per thousand.;



Parker Earle



Nic Ohmer

Nic Ohmer. (S) Originated by Mr. John F. Beaver, who is considered to be the most successful amateur fruit grower in Ohio. Named after Mr. N. Ohmer, ex-president of the Ohio State Horticultural Society. The introducer says: "After watching the Nic Ohmer three years and hearing how it has behaved wherever I sent it for trial, never having received one unfavorable report on it, I am confident that it is one of the most desirable, if not the very best ever sent out. There is no other in the market or in sight, that I would plant with as much confidence. If restricted to a single variety it would be my first choice without a moment's hesitation. The plant is very large and stocky, sending out plenty of very strong runners. It is probably

not surpassed in healthy, vigorous growth and great productiveness by any variety. It has a perfect blossom. The fruit is of the very largest size, a giant among strawberries. It is never misshapen. Its only departure from the regular roundish conical form is when, under high culture, it is somewhat triangular. It is dark glossy red, firm and of excellent flavor. Was introduced last year at \$80.00 per thousand. I got a good stock of introducers and now list it at \$6.00 per thousand.

Ridgeway. (S.) (New and valuable.) Origin, Indiana. Mid-season. Introduced by the originator, M. H. Ridgeway, at \$2 per dozen. It is a nice, thrifty, clean grower of the Bubach appearance. Plants are good size, healthy, and make a good spread. The originator thus describes it. "Plant large and stocky, possessing the ability to make a large number of strong and healthy plants. Large leaf, broad, heavy and dark green in color. Blossom perfect, a good pollinizer for pistillate varieties, as it remains in bloom for a long time; an ideal plant. Berry large to very large, the typical form nearly round; largest specimens broadly oval, but always smooth. Color, bright, glossy crimson with golden seeds. Firm for so large a berry, and will stand shipping to distant markets except in a very wet time. Quality as good as the best; an almost ideal berry and one that will command fancy prices on any market. E. S. Carman, editor of the Rural New Yorker, says: "It is one of the most promising among the new varieties of strawberries." Price \$3.00 per thousand.

Saunders. (S) Originated by John Little, of Canada. This has been tested in many localities and found to be a valuable market berry. A good grower and heavy bearer. Fruit large, conical, dark glossy red, quality good, season medium. \$2.75 per thousand.

Staples. (S) A seedling of Warfield from Ohio. It is remarkable for vigor and strength of plant and remarkably prolific. The berries are of medium size, dark, glossy crimson, moderately firm and of fine quality. Early. A good fertilizer for Warfield. \$3.00 per thousand.

Seaford. (P) Origin, Delaware. Season early to medium. The introducer speaks of it as follows: "In a strawberry for market growing, size, productiveness and good shipping qualities are all important, and these are precisely the qualities for which Seaford is most remarkable. The strong, healthy plants produce fruit clusters of great size, bearing handsome berries of a size proportionately great. The color is deep red, bright and glossy, and it is a color that goes under the skin, for Seaford is pre-eminently a solid, red-fleshed variety, and consequently an assuredly successful shipper. The flavor is good with very little acid. The plant has imperfect blossom; it ripens its crop much faster than Bubach and several days earlier. Per thousand \$3.50.

Sharpless. (S) One of the old, well-known varieties adapted to clay or moist soil. Very large and of good quality, but blossoms are tender and liable to kill with spring frosts; a good fertilizer. It pays to protect its blossoms in spring by a mulch. \$2.75 per thousand.

Splendid. (S) I have fruited it several years and can offer it to my customers with great confidence. Plant is a healthy, luxuriant grower, sends out many runners and bears abundantly. The fruit is large and far above the average in quality and appearance. Desirable for either market or home use. This variety has been tested by many of the berry experts all over the country. I bought my stock of plants of the introducer and now offer it low. Season early. \$2.75 per thousand.

Tubbs. (S) This is a new variety from Maryland and it seems strange such a good thing should have been kept back so many years before the originator would let it get out of his hands. The plants are very vigorous, with deep roots penetrating the soil thereby enabling them to stand the drouth much better than most varieties. The fruit is large, well shaped, a deep crimson, and is noted for its grand shipping qualities; ripens early, long bearing, and of even size to the last picking. \$2.50 per thousand.

Tennessee Prolific. (S) Is one of the good medium early varieties, large size and quite productive. It is a very vigorous, healthy plant, with never a spot of rust. It has a strong staminate blossom and is especially valuable as a pollenizer. This variety is largely grown in the vicinity of Norfolk, Va., one of the largest strawberry sections in the world. \$2.50 per thousand.

Rio. (S) It is a good, early kind, large for an early berry. Strong, healthy foliage, perfect blossom. Though not as early as Michel's Early, follows closely after it. The fruit is large size, evenly colored and firm enough for an excellent shipper. This is fast becoming a favorite where firm early berries are wanted for shipping purposes. This is one of Thompson's "Big 6." \$2.25 per thousand.

Van Deman. (S) This is a most beautiful berry; early; splendid shipper and good color, but it does not give general satisfaction. The first year or two it gave the best of satisfaction. It was introduced with the best of confidence and in some sections is a great favorite. \$2.50 per thousand.

Wilson. (S) Too well known to need description; once the most popular variety in the country. Very firm, a good shipper and fertilizer. \$2.50 per thousand.

Wm. Belt. (S) Originated in southern Ohio by Wm. Belt. The plant is one of the largest, a very luxuriant grower. Has a perfect blossom and is very productive, much more so than the Bubach. It is very large indeed. With good, ordinary culture it has produced a good many 8-inch berries on spring-set plants within ten weeks from planting. The first berry on the stem is quite apt to be cox-combed, but those following are rather long, conical, and quite uniform in shape and size. The color is bright, glossy red, and it colors all over. It is as firm as ordinary berries, and of better quality than is often found in large varieties. In productiveness, size, beauty and quality, the Wm. Belt will scale higher than any other variety I ever raised.—*M. Crawford.*

Wm. Belt is the only variety tested that compares favorably with Parker Earle for a late market sort.—*Wisconsin Experiment Station Report, 1897.*

We bought a stock of the introducer when it first came out, and have fruited it very profitably. The demand for plants in 1899 was very heavy. Price \$2.75 per thousand.

Warfield. (P) This is a grand berry, one of the best of the standards. We sell more plants of this than of any other every year. Resembles Wilson but is a heavier bearer and better plant maker, and better shipper. Plants are small, more like Crescent; requires a strong staminate about every third row for best results. \$1.85 per thousand; 10,000, \$16.00.

Woolverton. (S) This is a grand berry, seems to succeed everywhere. It is a fine pollenizer for medium to late pistillates; it blooms a long season and is very potent in pollen. Large, very productive, from mid-season to late. \$3.00 per thousand.

Up-to-Date. (S) Introduced two years ago. We bought a good stock of the introducers, Bever & Son, at \$50.00 per thousand, but having a good stock drop the price to be within the reach of all. The introducers write us as follows: "You will find the Up-to-Date a model berry in every respect. We have carefully tested it four years and have never seen a fault in it. It is the best fertilizer we have ever tried, as it commences to blossom early, and continues until very late, and the blossoms contain an unusual amount of pollen. In size, productiveness, quality, beauty, flavor, keeping and shipping qualities, health and vigor of plant, the Up-to-Date has no equal as a medium to late staminate. \$3.00 per thousand."

Bennett's Seedling. Originated in one of the suburbs of Cincinnati ten years ago, but has never been introduced until now. As from all accounts it seemed very promising, I procured some of the plants last spring and now have a good stock growing. The following is the description of this new berry: The plant is a joy to see, clean, strong, bright, deep-rooting and free from spot. It is exceedingly productive, ripens its first berries earlier than the Warfield and bears as late as the Gandy. Its season has extended over five weeks. It is pistillate, and if properly fertilized every blossom is followed by a berry. It has succeeded best when grown near a very early and a very late staminate variety. In size it is among the largest, excelling the Warfield at any time during the season. Unlike most large varieties, the first specimens are never seamed or coxcombed. Its form is short, conical, not as blunt as the Clyde or Brandywine, nor so long as the Haverland. It has a smooth surface, the seeds being neither raised nor sunken. The color is "the best there is," bright scarlet when first ripe, to dark red if left unpicked four or five days later. It has remained on the plant a week after it was ripe and then marketed. In firmness it is probably not excelled. The calyx is of medium size, always green and healthy, and not easily detached in picking. Finally, the quality is good, much better than the average. For an all around, general purpose berry, it is likely to be one of the very best. \$1.00 per dozen; \$5.00 per hundred.

Under date of December, 1st, 1899, M. Crawford writes as follows:

FRIEND BALDWIN:—I have good reasons for believing that this is a variety of *great merit*. I shall not be surprised to see it become a great favorite.

Yours truly,

M. CRAWFORD.

Varieties marked (P) are "Pistillate," and should have about every fourth row set to some staminate variety for a fertilizer. Those marked (S) are "Staminate," and good fertilizers. Set early staminates with early pistillates, and late with late, etc. All plants are trimmed and tied in bunches of 25.

Six of a variety at dozen, 50 at 100 and 500 at 1,000 rates. At dozen rates we pay the postage. At 100 rates to go by mail add 25c to each hundred; at 100 and 1,000 rates to go by express or freight, charges are to be paid by the purchaser. It costs no more to pay on receipt of goods than on shipment, but I have to guarantee all charges. When ordering please state how you wish your plants sent. When not stated I use my best judgment for your interest, and generally hit it. If not, don't grumble. Those ordering early receive a discount if mentioned in ordering. Do not wait till the busy season as many orders can not be filled in full then as some varieties will be exhausted. Order Now. Orders received before March 1st are designated "early orders."

Early Orders for Strawberries.

As it is a great saving in expense to many purchasers to have their strawberry plants shipped by freight instead of by express, we would advise ordering early, and if the ground is not in condition to plant when they arrive—too wet or not prepared—a very easy method can be used to keep them, which will be a great benefit to the plants, as follows: Take each variety, a bunch at a time, cut string, and spread roots very thinly along the side of a shallow furrow, then cover roots with dirt not higher than the crown of the plants. Give partial shade and if ground is dry water the roots only. In a few days they will have taken hold, or rather sent out little white fibrous roots, and will be in better condition for transplanting than at first. This method is sometimes recommended for strawberries even when the ground is in condition or could be ready to plant when they arrive. So do not wait until late in the season when the strawberries have started to grow, and then have them shipped by freight, as after they have started to grow it is not as safe to send by freight.

Raspberries.

If to be sent by mail add 40c. per 100; at dozen rates mailed free when desired.

At 1,000 rates by express or freight only.

Cumberland. (Trade mark) The "Business Black-Cap." Largest black raspberry known. Fruit sold for 10c per quart when other varieties were selling for 5 to 7c.

This new raspberry is placed upon the market after having been thoroughly tried for a long period of years. It originated some nine years ago with Mr. David Miller, a life-long horticulturist and fruit grower, located near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, who has during all this time carefully and thoroughly tested it under all



Cumberland

conditions. It is now offered with the full assurance that it is the most profitable and desirable market variety yet known, because of its immense size, firmness and great productiveness, well entitling it to the above designation of "the Business Black-Cap." Its qualities we take up in what we consider the order of their importance, mentioning first of all that of

HARDINESS.—The Cumberland has undergone a temperature of 16 degrees below zero unprotected, without injury—a temperature which badly crippled similarly situated plants of Gregg, Shaffer, Cuthbert, etc. In this most important respect, therefore, this new berry will not be found wanting.

PRODUCTIVENESS.—The Cumberland is of wonderful productiveness, producing regularly and uniformly very large crops. The cut, which was made from a photograph of an average cluster, will give some idea of how plentifully the fruit is borne.

In size, the fruit is simply enormous, far surpassing any other variety. The berries run seven-eighths and fifteen-sixteenths of an inch in diameter, and, as will be seen from the accompanying report of Mr. Charles Beaver, a prominent Harrisburg fruit dealer, sold for 10 cents per quart when other varieties were selling for 5 cents to 7 cents per quart.

QUALITY.—In quality it is similar and fully equal to Gregg, which has always been considered the finest of the black-caps in this respect.

Ripens before Gregg. We bought our stock of plants of the introducers. Dozen \$1.00, hundred \$4.50.

Cuthbert. (Red) Leading late market variety all over the country, strong grower, very productive, fruit firm, large size and of good quality; season medium to late. 35c per dozen; 75c per hundred; \$3.75 per thousand; ten thousand, \$35.00.

Golden Queen. Best yellow raspberry yet introduced. Briefly stated it is a yellow Cuthbert of large size, great beauty, high quality, hardy and productive. Canes are of the strongest growth; no home garden complete without it. Its beauty, size and fine quality render it indispensable for table use; ripens in mid-season. 35c per dozen; 85c per hundred.

Loudon. "The finest red raspberry we know of."—*Rural New Yorker*. This raspberry ripens moderately early, and holds out very late; it is highly productive, claiming to exceed all other red raspberries in this respect. Firm as any other raspberry, a good shipper; large, of superior quality, and an attractive crimson color. The bush is thornless and hardy. We list it very low this year, viz: \$1.00 per dozen; \$1.25 per hundred; \$10 per thousand.

Gregg. (Cap) Very best of late black-caps, very large, wants good soil to produce best results, fruit very fine and covered with bloom. It is the leading market variety all over the country, best for evaporating of any variety as it is said to give most pounds to the bushel of any kind. 35c per dozen; 75c per hundred; \$5.50 per thousand.

The Miller. (Red) This new berry is early, very hardy and does not winter kill. It is creating quite a furore through the country. This is an extra fine berry. None will be sorry for planting it. 75c per hundred; \$5.00 per thousand.

Shaffer's Colossal. (Purple) An immense raspberry in both cane and fruit, equally adapted to the north or south. Enormously productive. Berries are large, of a purplish color, but luscious and rich; best for home use grown. Although classed with the reds it does not sucker like them; grows from the tip the same as black caps. 75c per dozen; \$1.00 per hundred.

Older. (Cap) Prof. Budd, of Iowa Agricultural Experiment Station, says: "They are the best cap berry ever tried on our ground and are the best to can." J. T. Lovett says: "Will endure more cold, stand drought, and fruit does not dry on the vines." A heavy cropper. 35c per dozen; \$1.00 per hundred.

Kansas. (Cap) This new variety is now a general favorite with growers all over the country. E. W. Ried writes us: "It is the best berry on our farm. J. T. Lovett says: "The Kansas raspberry again did remarkably well with us. We know of nothing better, in fact none so good in the way of black raspberries. It possesses more good qualities and is, without exception, in our opinion, the best black raspberry in cultivation today." Described as follows: Ripens just after Souhegan, berries as large as Gregg, jet black, firm, handsome and of the best quality; bush a strong grower, holds its foliage until frosts; stands drought and cold, very productive. We find it even better than we expected. It is about as large as Gregg, early and very productive. Strong, healthy canes; makes plenty of strong tips. 35c per dozen; 75c per hundred; \$6.00 per thousand.

Eureka. (Cap, new, early). Extracts from a paper read by Prof. W. J. Green before the Ohio Horticultural Society: "I am of the opinion that an acre of Eureka would yield as much as an acre each of Palmer and Gregg combined." Prof. Green makes the same statement in Ohio Farmer. 35c per dozen; \$1.00 per hundred; \$7.00 per thousand.

Nemaha. (Cap) The Nemaha is an excellent, large, black, good quality, late variety. The very fact that it is considered to be better than the Gregg is enough to cause it to be planted by every grower of black raspberries desiring a late variety. In Wisconsin large fields of the Nemaha are seen. It originated in that state. 75c per hundred; \$6.00 per thousand.

Conrath. A new black cap from Ann Arbor, Michigan, where it has been grown since 1887, and has become very popular where known, and regarded as a very profitable market berry. Bulletin 111 of the Michigan Experimental Station says: "The plant is fairly vigorous, very productive, the fruit of large size, moderately firm, nearly coal black and parts readily from the core. Although early it has a long season and holds its size well to the end." 35c per dozen; per hundred, 75c; per thousand, \$6.00. This berry did remarkably well in '99 with us.

Six of a variety at dozen rates, 50 at 100, and 500 at 1,000 rates. At dozen rates we pay postage. At hundred and thousand rates, by express or freight, charges to be paid by purchaser.

Blackberries.

The Demand for Blackberry Plants Was Very Heavy the Past Fall.

Snyder. Very popular for the north and northwest, on account of its extreme hardiness; wonderfully productive, size medium, fruit juicy and sweet, without the hard core of many sorts, canes remarkably strong and thrifty, more largely planted than any other of the iron-clad varieties. We have a heavy demand for them every year; season early. 50c per dozen; 75c per hundred; \$5.75 per thousand.

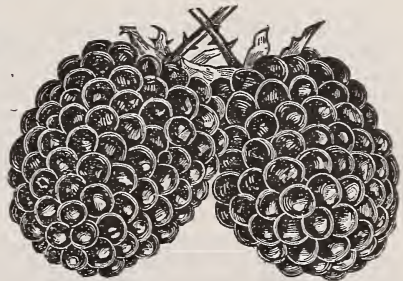
Kittatinny. Unexcelled for main crop. Berries large, handsome, delicious flavor, canes strong, erect and very productive, season medium, needs some protection in extreme north, more grown in this section than in all others combined. 50c per dozen; 60c per hundred; \$5.00 per thousand.

Taylor's Prolific. Nearly hardy as Snyder, with berries larger and of fine quality, sweet and juicy, canes of strong growth, of especial value for planting at the north, suited to low, moist ground; canes are greenish yellow. The demand is heavy for these every year. 50c per dozen; 75c per hundred; \$6.00 per thousand.

Early Harvest. One of the earliest blackberries in cultivation, a compact dwarf grower, fruit rather small and of good quality, heavy bearer. Its extreme earliness makes it a profitable variety; not hardy. Has to be laid down. Blossoms stand the spring freeze best of all. 50c per dozen; 60c per hundred; \$4.00 per thousand.

Wilson's Early. One of the very largest and most productive of the early sort, produces fruit in large clusters, sweet as soon as black, holds its color well after picking, needs protection at the north. 50c per dozen; 70c per hundred; \$4.00 per thousand. Our Wilsons brought from \$1.25 to \$1.75 per case in Chicago markets the past season; it is the best shipper there is. Very profitable.

Lawton. Too well known to need description, old and reliable, productive, season late. 50c per dozen; 75c per hundred.



Erie. Resembles Lawton in form and productiveness, but ripens earlier and is "iron-clad," fruit shiny, jet black, delicious flavor, demand exceeds the supply all over the country every year. Root cuttings 75c per dozen; \$1.00 per hundred; \$7.50 per thousand. Extra fine Suckers \$6.75 per thousand.

Minnewaski. (New) Large, productive and quite hardy; fruit round and of very good quality; bush a rank grower; desirable for market or home use. Our Minnewaski continues to be a great favorite with us. The longer we grow it the better we like it. 75c per dozen; \$1.00 per hundred.

Eldorado. Is as hardy as Snyder, is a larger berry and of best quality. Has been cultivated 12 years and never winter killed. H. E. Van Deman, National Pomologist, says: "Never have I tasted anything equal to Eldorado." I have fruited it and find it hardy and fine. We bought our first stock of the originator. Root cuttings 75c per dozen; \$1.25 per hundred; \$10.00 per thousand. Extra fine suckers \$9.25.

Ohmer. (New) 75c per dozen. Fine, \$1.00 per hundred.

Lucretia Dewberry. Claimed to be the best of the blackberry family. Berries are far larger, and incomparably better than any blackberry; of unequalled excellence; soft, sweet and luscious throughout; of brightest, glossy black color. The Lucretia Dewberry has received the endorsement and highest praise from the best horticulturists in the country. Its eminent success in all soils is something phenomenal in small fruit culture. Its trailing habit renders it less liable to winter-kill. \$1 per hundred; \$7.00 per thousand.

Early King. An extra early blackberry, exceedingly hardy variety of great merit. Needs no winter protection, always producing large crops. Canes of a strong growth, as hardy as Snyder and very prolific. It is much larger than Early Harvest and its delicious sweetness renders it of special value for home use or market. It is also free of double bloom and other disease, will go through hard spring frosts in blossoming time without injury. Those who have tried this variety are well pleased.

The Michigan Experiment Station reports upon them as follows:

"EARLY KING. Large, vigorous and productive. They are worthy of extensive trial." Dozen 75c; hundred \$1.50; thousand \$12.00

Six of a variety at dozen, 50 at 100 and 500 at 1,000 rates. At dozen rates we pay postage; at hundred and thousand rates, by express or freight, charges to be paid by purchaser.



Currants

Red Cross. Jacob Moore, the originator, says: "Red Cross clusters are long and have well necked berries, double the size of Victorias, and far superior to Cherry or Victoria. Nothing will compare in quality with Red Cross but White Dutch, which is too small. Red Cross was first fruited in 1889. I have seen the fruit growing in such masses as to hide the upper branches from view. It is later than Cherry; the plant makes twice the growth of Cherry, and yields two or three times as much fruit. I recommend it with confidence. I consider Red Cross one of the best of the new currants." Two years No. 1 bushes. \$1 per dozen. \$4.00 per hundred.

Victoria. We have a few thousand fine one-year old plants of this vigorous late variety that is becoming more popular every year. It is now considered the most valuable of any of the older sorts. Is not affected by the borer like some of the others. 50c per dozen; \$1.50 per hundred. Extra fine 2 year old plants \$2.50 per hundred.

London Market. A fine new variety, a strong grower, large fruit and very productive. Holds its foliage late and is not liable to attacks of worms and borers. 1 year old, \$2.00 per hundred. 2 year old, \$3.00 per hundred. West Michigan nurseries planted 35 acres of this variety.

Red Dutch. Old and reliable. 2 years, No. 1, \$2.00 per hundred.

Gooseberries

Downing. We have an extra fine stock of the most popular all around berry for both home use and market in the country to day. No. 1 plants, 2 years old, \$3.25 per huddred. 1 year old, \$2.25 per hundred.

Grapevines

While we have not an extensive variety of grapevines, we have a fine stock of of the two most popular varieties in the country.

Concord. A large, purplish black grape, ripening about the middle of September; vines remarkably vigorous and free from disease; the standard for productiveness and hardiness all over the country. 1 year, No. 1, 60c per dozen; \$2.25 per hundred; 2 year, No. 1, 75 per dozen; \$3.25 per hundred.

Worden. An improved Concord, being larger both in bunch and berry, handsomer, and nearly two weeks earlier and better quality. As it is difficult to grow, many vines of Concord are sold for it. Fine plants, 75c per dozen; \$3.25 per hundred.

Seed Potatoes

Maule's Early Thoroughbred. I have again an extra fine stock of the celebrated Maule's Early Thoroughbred which surprised us with its extreme earliness last season, and will sell as follows as long as stock lasts: 30 cts per peck, 50cts per one-half bushel, 75cts per bushel, \$2.00 per barrel. Barrels hold $2\frac{3}{4}$ bushels.

Trumbull. We received from the originator last spring, a small stock of this new potato. We can only offer it by the peck. With us it is an extra early, fine quality, smooth, white potato, good shape, oblong. Peck 50 cts.

A Word to Patrons

WHEN writing, please sign your name plainly. We can guess at anything else better than your name. Be sure to give your Postoffice, County and State. Every year we receive letters with either Postoffice or State left off—many times no signature. Use order sheet and return envelope, fill out carefully and much trouble will be avoided. Don't fail to read our unsolicited testimonials.



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Advertisements. The advertisers found in our catalogue, we think are all perfectly reliable. Most of the parties we have had dealings with for years. Colby-Hinkley Co. are old, well known, and reliable package manufacturers. The papers advertised are the best in their class. The officials of the Commercial State Bank are gentlemen and are very popular with the public. Montgomery Ward and Co., the great mail order house, are perfectly reliable. Our trade with them is considerable every year. Customers get many articles at about one-half the usual retail price of country stores. Our deal with L. L. Olds, the seedman, is always satisfactory. Morrill & Morley advertise their spray pumps which they invented, after years of trials and tribulations in using the many inferior pumps with which the country is flooded. Get their catalogue.

Large Bills. If you need large bills of strawberries do not forget to write early for estimates. We can, of course, sell 10,000 cheaper, accordingly than 1,000 and 100,000 cheaper, accordingly, than 10,000, if ordered early. Remember, we lead, others follow. We cannot be undersold by any reliable nursery, but we do not compete with Cheap Johns, whose conscience will allow them to sell mixed, picked-up stock.

O. A. E. BALDWIN,
Bridgman, Michigan.

Unsolicited Testimonials.

(We receive *hundreds* of them every year but only have room for a few.)

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Jan. 27, 1899.

Find enclosed my annual order for plants (25,500).
My plants came in first class condition last year. * * *

JERRY GRAY.

CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO, April 25, 1899.

The Wm. Belt plants arrived Monday morning in fine order. * * * May 26, 1899.—I thank you for the satisfactory manner in which you have filled my order. * * * I was well served by you last year. Wishing you all success, I am, Yours truly,

M. CRAWFORD.

PECATONICA, ILL., Feb. 10, '99.

The following is a list of varieties wanted this year.
This will be my *seventh annual order*.

E. G. GOLJENBOOM.

PERRY, IOWA, March 29, 1899.

Give figures on the following bill. * * * Have bought of you before. Don't want any more of Kellogg's "Thoroughbreds."
SPRING VAL. NURSERY.

ERIE CO., N. Y., Dec. 19, 1899.

The plants I bought of you in the spring of '98 have turned out well, and given me a good crop of fruit this year. This encourages me to set out ten acres more this coming year.

B. FENTON.

HOT SPRINGS, ARK., May 13, 1899.

Plants came all right. * * * I know that your plants are the best to be had.

E. E. PALMER.

BOULDER, COLO., Nov. 7, 1899.

I received the plants in good condition.

T. B. HOLMAN.

SARNIA, ONT., CAN., March 10, 1899.

The plants sent last year arrived in splendid condition.

ALFRED CLAXTON.

GRAND ISLAND, NEB., Feb. 23, 1899.

The berry plants that I received from you two years ago bore fine fruit last year.

A. E. EDWARDS.

NEW BRITAIN, CONN.

The strawberry plants I ordered two years ago were all right. They have done well.

LEONARD KURTZ.

TOLEDO, OHIO, Nov. 16, 1899.

Received the plants O. K. (4,500 blackberry.) Never saw better plants. You will hear later on about my spring order.

ANDREW BURGIE.

UNION COUNTY, IND., March 10, 1899.

* * * Have always had splendid results with all plants I have ever bought of you. ED. BOWD.

PLATT CO., ILL., Sept. 18, 1899.

The strawberry plants we had of you in the spring of '98 were excellent and yielded a fine crop this season. The one hundred Bismarck sent for us to try bore a heavy crop of fine fruit.

GEO. B. ALVORD & SON.

MORGANVILLE, KY.

The strawberry plants arrived all right. They are the finest plants I ever saw. MRS. EMMA ATON.

APPANOSE CO., IOWA, Aug. 9, 1899.

Do you send out plants at this time of the year? The promptness with which you correct mistakes and the fine plants you send out with liberal count, goes to show that you are the right man to deal with. CHAS. H. SCOTT.

CERRO GORDO CO., IOWA, March 22, 1899.

Enclosed find order for 23,100 plants. I picked, last summer, off from the plants I got of you, 4,900 quarts of berries; biggest yield ever reached in this county. D. H. CULVER.

INDEPENDENCE, KAN., 1899.

The plants ordered the last two seasons did extra well. Your plants are always true to name and satisfactory.

F. L. KENOYER.

SPRING LAKE, MICH., Oct. 26, 1899.

Plants received O. K. Well pleased with them.

H. S. NORDHOLT.

UNDERHILL, VERMONT, April 7, 1899.

The 2,000 plants I got of you a year ago (Brandywine and Lovett) proved extra after their thousand mile trip. They were the finest plants I ever saw. They were packed so well, don't think ten died in whole lot. GEO. LASSELLE.

MONONGALIA CO., W. VA., April 12, 1899.

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A. G. HEETVELDT.

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C. G. MATTISON.

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O. A. ROBINSON.

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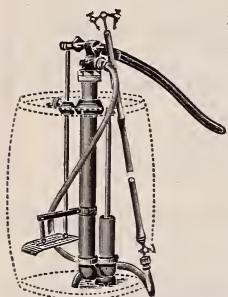
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